

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A motor vehicle comprising:
a combustion engine,
a gearbox,
an exhaust system; and
an exhaust system bracket for fastening the exhaust system, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein
the exhaust system is fastened to at least one of the motor-combustion engine and and/or the
gearbox through the exhaust system bracket which comprises a supporting element in the form of
a plate holder with at least two band-like, elastic plates which are superimposed ~~so as to~~ form a
stack and are able to move relative to each other on at least a part of their length.

2. (Currently Amended) The motor vehicle according to claim 1, ~~characterized in~~
~~that~~ wherein the supporting element has an angular structure as seen in ~~the~~ a longitudinal section.

3. (Currently Amended) The motor vehicle according to claim 2, ~~characterized in~~
~~that~~ wherein the supporting element, as seen in the longitudinal section, has a twofold angular
structure in the form of an offset step.

4. (Currently Amended) The motor vehicle according to claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~
wherein the supporting element, as seen in the longitudinal section, has a fourfold angular
structure in the form of two offset steps which are arranged mirror-inverted to each other.

5. (Currently Amended) The motor vehicle according to claim 1, ~~characterized in~~
~~that~~ wherein the supporting element has a helical structure as seen in ~~the~~ a longitudinal section.

6. (Currently Amended) The motor vehicle according to claim 1, ~~characterized in~~
~~that~~ wherein at least one of the at least two band-like, elastic plates is made of an austenitic
material.

7. (Currently Amended) The motor vehicle according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein at least one of the at least two band-like, elastic plates is made of a ferritic material.

8. (Currently Amended) The motor vehicle according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein at least one of the at least two band-like, elastic plates is made of spring steel.

9. (Currently Amended) The motor vehicle according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the at least two band-like, elastic plates are made of different materials.

10. (Currently Amended) The motor vehicle according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the at least two band-like, elastic plates have differing thicknesses.

11. (Currently Amended) The motor vehicle according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the at least two band-like, elastic plates have a smooth surface.

12. (Currently Amended) The motor vehicle according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the at least two band-like, elastic plates have a rough surface.

13. (Currently Amended) The motor vehicle according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the at least two band-like, elastic plates have a structured surface.

14. (Currently Amended) The motor vehicle according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the at least two band-like, elastic plates of the supporting element are fastened to each other by at least one of screwing, welding, or a form-fitting connection, and/or a force-fitting connection.

15. (Currently Amended) The motor vehicle according to claim 14, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein one exterior plate in the plate-stack comprised of the at least two band-like, elastic plates is flanged so as to clamp ~~the other~~ the other plates of the supporting element on at least one of a front end and/or a longitudinal side.

16. (Currently Amended) The motor vehicle according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the supporting element has three, four or five plates.

17. (Currently Amended) The motor vehicle according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the supporting element is fastened to the exhaust system ~~by means of~~with a console.

18. (Currently Amended) The motor vehicle according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the supporting element is fastened to the ~~motor~~at least one of the combustion engine and the gearbox, respectively, by means of with a bracket.

19. (New) The motor vehicle according to claim 1, wherein the at least two band-like, elastic plates have corresponding cross-sections as seen in a longitudinal section.

20. (New) The motor vehicle according to claim 1, including a bracket having a first end connected to at least one of the combustion engine and gearbox and a second end connected to the supporting element, and wherein each plate of the supporting element has one plate end connected to the second end of the bracket and an opposite plate end connected to the exhaust system.

21. (New) An exhaust system mounting assembly comprising:
a bracket having a first bracket portion and a second bracket portion, the first bracket portion being adapted to be connected to at least one of an engine block and gearbox housing;
and
a supporting element comprised of a plurality of plates arranged in a stacked relationship, the supporting element having a first end connected to the second bracket portion and a second end connected to an exhaust system component.

22. (New) The exhaust system mounting assembly according to claim 21, wherein the plates have corresponding cross-sections as seen in a longitudinal section.

23. (New) The exhaust system mounting assembly according to claim 22, including a console that connects the second end of the supporting element to the exhaust system component.

24. (New) The exhaust system mounting assembly according to claim 21, wherein the plurality of plates comprise a plurality of band-like, elastic plates that are able to move relative to each other on at least a part of their length, and wherein each plate has a first plate end connected to the second bracket portion and a second plate end attached to the exhaust component.